Notice of Contract Purchase Agreement

State Of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of Administration
Division of Purchases
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5860

VENDOR	**CISCO SYSTEMS INC** **170 WEST TASMAN DR** **SAN JOSE, CA 95134** **United States**

DATA COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS & SERVICES	
Award Number	**3470375**
Revision Number	**0**
Effective Period	**01-JUL-2016 - 31-MAY-2019**
Approved PO Date	**30-JUN-2016**
Vendor Number	**373**

SHIP TO	**MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT** **SEE BELOW** **RELEASE AGAINST, RI MPA** **United States**

Type of Requisition	***OTHER**
Requisition Number	
Change Order Requisition Number	
Solicitation Number	
Freight	**Paid**
Payment Terms	**NET 30**
Buyer	**-** **- Louro, Sharon**
Requester Name	
Work Telephone	

This Purchase Order is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the solicitation and applicable federal, state, and local law, including the State of Rhode Island's purchasing regulations, available at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

MPA # 517 - DATA COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS & SERVICES

THE INITIAL TERM OF THIS CONTRACT WILL BE 7/01/2016 - 5/31/2019

NASPO VALUE POINT MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT NO. AR233

CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.
2375 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 450
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85016
TEL: 408-527-2627
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INVOICE TO

The State of Rhode Island accepts electronic invoices via its supplier portal. To register and submit electronic invoices, visit the supplier portal at http://controller.admin.ri.gov/iSupplier/isup/index.php

To submit paper invoices, mail to: Department of Administration Controller, One Capitol Hill, 4th Floor, Providence 02908.

STATE PURCHASING AGENT

Nancy R. McIntyre

PURCHASES ABOVE $100,000 MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE DIVISION OF PURCHASES ON A REQUISITION

REFER TO THE NASPO VALUE POINT MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT AND THE STATE PARTICIPATION ADDENDUM FOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
Reference Documents: Cisco PA.pdf

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Contract Terms and Conditions

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Terms and Conditions

PURCHASE ORDER STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE

THIS PURCHASE ORDER IS AWARDED SUBJECT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLIANCE

CAMPAIGN FINANCE: In accordance with RI General Law 17-27-2, Every person or business entity providing goods or services of $5,000 or more, and has in the preceding 24 months, contributed an aggregate amount in excess of $250 within a calendar year to any general officer, or candidate for general office, any member, or candidate for general assembly, or political party, is required to electronically file an affidavit regarding political contributions at:
https://secure.ricampaignfinance.com/RhodeIslandCF/Public/VendorAffidavit.aspx

ARRA SUPPLEMENTAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

For contracts and sub-awards funded in whole or in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto, such contracts and sub-awards shall be subject to the Supplemental Terms and Conditions For Contracts and Sub-awards Funded in Whole or in Part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Pub.L.No. 111-5 and any amendments thereto located on the Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

DIVESTITURE OF INVESTMENTS IN IRAN REQUIREMENT:

No vendor engaged in investment activities in Iran as described in R.I. Gen. Laws §37-2.5-2(b) may submit a bid proposal to, or renew a contract with, the Division of Purchases. Each vendor submitting a bid proposal or entering into a renewal of a contract is required to certify that the vendor does not appear on the list maintained by the General Treasurer pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §37-2.5-3.

For all Purchase Orders issued on behalf of the University of Rhode Island, Community College of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island College, vendors will receive a confirming order from the respective entity prior to proceeding.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (ADDITIONAL)

ANNUAL RENEWAL INSURANCE CERTIFICATES FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION, PUBLIC LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE INSURANCE, AUTO INSURANCE, PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE (AKA ERRORS & OMISSIONS), BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE, SCHOOL BUSING AUTO LIABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT (AKA POLLUTION CONTROL), VESSEL OPERATION (MARINE OR AIRCRAFT) PROTECTION & INDEMNITY, ETC., MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SPECIFIC AGENCY IDENTIFIED IN THE "SHIP TO" SECTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER. CERTIFICATES ARE ANNUALLY DUE PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF ANY CONTRACT PERIOD BEYOND THE INITIAL TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD OF A CONTRACT. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANNUAL INSURANCE CERTIFICATION MAY BE GROUNDS FOR CANCELLATION.

MPA BID AWARD (STATEWIDE APPLICABILITY)

STATEWIDE APPLICABILITY - Political Subdivisions (cities, towns, schools, quasi-public agencies), as authorized by law, may participate in this Agreement. All ordering and billing shall be between the vendor and the political subdivision (only).

MULTI YEAR AWARD

THIS IS A MULTI-YEAR BID/CONTRACT. PER RHODE ISLAND STATE LAW 37-2-33, CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS BEYOND THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. CONTINUATION OF THE CONTRACT BEYOND THE INITIAL FISCAL YEAR WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STATE. TERMINATION MAY BE EFFECTED BY THE STATE BASED UPON DETERMINING FACTORS SUCH AS UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE OR THE DETERMINATION BY THE STATE TO DISCONTINUE THE GOODS/SERVICES, OR TO REVISE THE SCOPE AND NEED FOR THE TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES; ALSO MANAGEMENT OWNER DETERMINATIONS THAT MAY PRECLUDE THE NEED FOR GOODS/SERVICES.

PURCHASE AGREEMENT AWARD

THIS IS A NOTICE OF AWARD, NOT AN ORDER. Any quantity reference in the agreement or in the bid preceding it are estimates only and do not represent a commitment on the part of the state to any level of billing activity, other than for quantities or volumes specifically released during the term. No action is to be taken except as specifically authorized, as described herein under AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE. ENTIRE AGREEMENT - This NOTICE OF AWARD, with all attachments, and any release(s) against it shall be subject to: (1) the specifications, terms and conditions set forth in the Request/Bid Number cited herein, (2) the General Terms and Conditions of Contracts for the State of Rhode Island and (3) all provisions of, and the Rules and Regulations promulgated pursuant to, Title 37, Chapter 2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. This NOTICE shall constitute the entire agreement between the State of Rhode Island and the Vendor. No assignment of rights or responsibility will be permitted except with the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent or his designee. CANCELLATION, TERMINATION and EXTENSION - This Price Agreement shall automatically terminate as of the date(s) described under CONTRACT PERIOD unless this Price Agreement is altered by formal amendment by the State Purchasing Agent or his designee upon mutual agreement between the State and the Vendor.

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

In no event shall the Vendor deliver goods or provide service until such time as a duly authorized release document is certified by the ordering Agency. A Direct Purchase Order (DPO) shall be created by the agency listing the items ordered, using the pricing and format set forth in the Master Blanket. All pricing shall be as described in the Master Blanket and is considered to be fixed and firm for the term of the Agreement, unless specifically noted to the contrary herein. All prices include prepaid freight. Freight, taxes, surcharges, or other additional charges will not be honored unless reflected in Master Blanket.

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WSCA-NASPO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION
DATA COMMUNICATIONS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES 14-19
Administered by the State of Utah (hereinafter "Lead State")

MASTER AGREEMENT
Cisco Systems, Inc.
(Hereinafter "Contractor" or "Cisco")

Master Agreement No: AR233

And

State of Rhode Island

(Hereinafter "Participating State/Entity")

1. Scope: Contractor and the Division of Purchasing and General Services, an agency of the Lead State have executed State Cooperative Contract, Contract Number AR233 for Data Communications Products and Services 14-19 ("WSCA-NASPO Master Price Agreement" or "Master Agreement"). The Master Agreement, as now or hereafter amended, is incorporated into this addendum ("Participating Addendum") as if set forth at length. This Participating Addendum covers the Data Communications Products and Services contracts led by the State of Utah for use by state agencies and other entities located in the Participating **State of Rhode Island** authorized by that state's statutes to utilize **State of Rhode Island** contracts with the prior approval of the state's chief procurement official. Capitalized terms not defined in this Participating Addendum shall have the meaning set forth in the Master Agreement. To the extent of a conflict of terms between the Master Agreement and this Participating Addendum, the order of precedence set forth in Section 1 of Attachment A of the Master Agreement shall apply.

2. Participation: Use of specific WSCA-NASPO cooperative contracts by agencies, political subdivisions and other entities (including cooperatives) authorized by an individual state's statutes to use **State of Rhode Island** contracts are subject to the prior approval of the respective State Chief Procurement Official. Issues of interpretation and eligibility for participation are solely within the authority of the State Chief Procurement Official or Purchasing Agent. Within the **State of Rhode Island**, all Executive Agencies, all other state agencies, the Legislative and Judicial Branches of the State of Rhode Island, the Board of Governors for Higher Education (including, but not limited to, the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island and Higher Ed), municipalities (including, but not limited to, cities, special districts or precincts, towns and public school districts/entities (i.e. K-12), other political subdivisions, including any political subdivision registered as a nonprofit agency certified under the provisions of section 501(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, and quasi-public agencies are eligible purchasers and authorized to purchase Contractor's products and Services under the terms of this Participating Addendum.

3. Participating State Modifications or Additions to Master Agreement:
"Appendix A General Conditions of Purchase" attached hereto as "Appendix A", are hereby incorporated by reference into this Participating Addendum. To the extent of a conflict between the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement and those set forth at Appendix A, the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement shall take precedence, except as follows:

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A. Governing Law and Venue - The Master Agreement and this Participating Addendum shall be governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island; venue of any action brought with regard to this Agreement shall be in Providence County, Providence, Rhode Island, and Contractor accepts the personal jurisdiction of such courts.

4. Lease Agreements: Contractor's Master Agreement allows for leasing under Section 22. The terms and conditions of the capital lease financing arrangement will be separately negotiated and set forth in an agreement between the purchasers and either Cisco Capital or it's designated and/or approved financing partner.

5. Primary Contacts: The primary contact individuals for this Participating Addendum are as follows (or their named successors):

Contractor

Name	Cisco Systems, Inc. , Mimi Farr, Sr. Manager
Address	2375 E. Camelback Road, Suite 450 PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85016
Telephone	408-527-2627
Fax	408) 608-1729
E-mail	mimnguye@cisco.com

Participating Entity

Name	State of Rhode Island, Sharon Louro, Buyer I
Address	One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908
Telephone	401-574-8152
Fax	401-574-8387
E-mail	Sharon.Louro@purchasing.ri.gov

The Parties will keep and maintain current at all times a primary point of contact for

administration of this *Participating Addendum*.

6. Subcontractors: All Contractor's Fulfillment Partners, as defined in the Master Agreement, authorized in the State of Rhode Island, as shown on the dedicated Contractor's (cooperative contract) website, are approved to provide sales and service support to participants in the WSCA-NASPO Master Price Agreement, e.g. for direct order taking, processing, fulfillment or provisioning. The Fulfillment Partners' participation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned Master Agreement.

Subject to approval of the State of Rhode Island, and at the sole discretion of Contractor, Contractor may add Fulfillment Partners at any time during the term of this Participating Addendum. Contractor may designate a minimum of two Fulfillment Partners and no set maximum number of Fulfilment Partners to provide sales and services support . Contractor, in its sole discretion, is not required to add, and may delete upon thirty (30) days written notice, any Fulfillment Partner who does not meet Contractor's established qualifying criteria, or where the addition of the entity would violate any state or federal law or regulation.

7. Orders: Any Order placed by a Participating Entity or Purchasing Entity for a Product and/or Service available from this Master Agreement shall be deemed to be a sale under (and governed by the prices and other terms and conditions) of the Master Agreement unless the parties to the Order agree in writing that another contract or agreement applies to such Order.

Purchasers may place orders directly only through Contractor's approved Fulfillment Partners or through Contractor for products or services as authorized under this Participating Addendum. Only those Fulfillment Partners approved and listed during the term of Participating Addendum at Contractor's website are authorized to directly provide quotes, receive purchase orders, invoice Customers, and receive payment from purchasers on Contractor's behalf.

Except as otherwise set forth in the qualifying criteria, Contractor will not, directly or indirectly, restrict any Fulfillment Partner's participation or ability to quote pricing for a Customer. The approved Fulfillment Partners will not offer less favorable pricing discounts than the contract discounts established by Contractor under the Master Agreement. However, the Fulfillment Partner may offer any additional incremental discounts to Participating State/Entity, and such additional discounts if offered, may be provided in the discretion and as the sole legal obligation

of the approved Fulfillment Partner to the Participating State/Entity.

The Master Agreement number and the State Contract Number must appear on every Purchase Order placed under this Participating Addendum.

8. Product & Services Offering: The full suite of product and service offerings available under the Master Agreement may be procured under this Participating Addendum.

9. Term: The term of this Participating Addendum shall begin on the *later of* June 1, 2014, or the date of last signature below. The term shall continue for a period ending on the Termination Date of the Master Agreement or when this Participating Addendum is terminated in accordance with the Master Agreement, whichever shall occur first.

10. Notices: Notwithstanding anything contained in the Master Agreement to the contrary, all notices required or permitted under this Participating Addendum will be in writing and will be deemed given: (a) when delivered personally; (b) when sent by confirmed facsimile or electronic mail (in the case of Cisco to **Agreement-notice@cisco.com**); (c) three (3) days after having been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; or (d) one (1) day after deposit with a commercial express courier specifying next day delivery, with written verification of receipt. All communications will be sent to the addresses set forth in Section 5 of this Participating Addendum (and notices to Cisco shall be further addressed to the Office of the General Counsel, Attn: Contract Notice) or such other address as may be designated by a party by giving written notice to the other party pursuant to this paragraph, or, in the absence of such an address from Customer, to the address to which the last invoice under this Participating Addendum was sent before notice is served.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices regarding changes in pricing, Software license terms, policies or programs may be by posting on Cisco.com or by e-mail or fax.

11. Entire Agreement: This Participating Addendum and the Master Agreement (including all amendments and attachments thereto) constitute the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Participating Addendum and replaces any prior oral or written communications between the parties, all of which are excluded. There are no conditions, understandings, agreements, representations or warranties, expressed or implied, that are not

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specified herein. This Participating Addendum may be modified only by a written document executed by the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Participating Addendum as of the date of execution by both parties below.

Participating State: State of Rhode Island	Contractor: Cisco Systems, Inc.
By: Michael D. Mitchell	By: Brian Dulac
Name: Michael D. Mitchell	Name: Brian Dulac
Title: Deputy Purchasing Agent	Title: Director, Finance
Date: 6/14/16	Date: June 13, 2016

APPROVED BY LEGAL

[Please email fully executed PDF copy of this document to PA@wsca-naspo.org to support documentation of participation and posting in appropriate data bases]

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Appendix A

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS

APPENDIX A – GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE

Amended regulations adopted June 20, 2011

Division of Purchases
Rhode Island Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, Second Floor
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Tel: (401) 574-8100

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

The following amended State of Rhode Island Procurement Regulations were adopted by me, as Director of the State of Rhode Island Department of Administration, on the _____ day of June 2011.

_____

Richard A. Licht, Director
State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Date of Public Notice: May 5, 2011
Date of Public Hearing: June 8, 2011
End of Comment Period: June 8, 2011

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE

All State Purchase Orders, Contracts, Solicitations, Delivery Orders and Service Requests shall incorporate and be subject to the provisions of Title 37 Chapter 2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Regulations adopted pursuant thereto, all other applicable provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws, specific requirements described in the Request or Contract, and the following General Conditions of Purchase:

1. GENERAL - All purchase orders, contracts, solicitations, delivery orders, and service requests are for specified goods and services, in accordance with express terms and conditions of purchase, as defined herein. For the purposes of this document, the terms "bidder" and "contractor" refer to any individual, firm, corporation, or other entity presenting a proposal indicating a desire to enter into contracts with the State, or with whom a contract is executed by the State's Purchasing Agent, and the term "contractor" shall have the same meaning as "vendor".

2. ENTIRE AGREEMENT - The State's Purchase Order, or other State contract endorsed by the State Office of Purchases, shall constitute the entire and exclusive agreement between the State and any contractor receiving an award. In the eve any conflict between the bidder's standard terms of sale, these conditions or more specific provisions contained in the solicitation shall govern. All communication between the State and any contractor pertaining to any award or contract shall be accomplished in writing.

- **a.** Each proposal will be received with the understanding that the acceptance, in writing, by contract or Purchase Order by the Purchasing Agent of the offer to do work or to furnish any or all the materials, equipment, supplies or services described therein shall constitute a contract between the bidder and the State. This shall bind the bidder on his part to furnish and deliver at the prices and in accordance with the conditions of said accepted proposal and detailed specifications and the State on its part to order from such contractor (except in case of emergency) and to pay for at the agreed prices, all materials, equipment, supplies or services specified and delivered. A contract shall be deemed executory only to the extent of funds available for payment of the amounts shown on Purchase Orders issued by the State to the contractors.

b. No alterations or variations of the terms of the contract shall be valid or binding upon the State unless submitted in writing and accepted by the Purchasing Agent. All orders and changes thereof must emanate from the Office of Purchases: no oral agreement or arrangement made by a contractor with an agency or employee will be considered to be binding on the Purchasing Agent, and may be disregarded.

c. Contracts will remain in force for the contract period specified or until all articles or services ordered before date of termination shall have been

satisfactorily delivered or rendered and accepted and thereafter until all terms and conditions have been met, unless

1. terminated prior to expiration date by satisfactory delivery against orders of entire quantities, or

2. extended upon written authorization of the Purchasing Agent and accepted by the contractor, to permit ordering of the unordered balances or additional quantities at the contract price and in accordance with the contract terms, or

3. canceled by the State in accordance with other provisions stated herein.

• **d.** It is mutually understood and agreed that the contractor shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet or otherwise dispose of this contract or his right, title or interest therein, or his power to execute such contract, to any other person, company or corporation, without the previous consent, in writing, of the Purchasing Agent.

e. If, subsequent to the submission of an offer or issuance of a purchase order or execution of a contract, the bidder or contractor shall merge with or be acquired by another entity, the contract may be terminated, except as a corporate resolution prepared by the contractor and the new entity ratifying acceptance of the original bid or contract terms, condition, and pricing is submitted to the Office of Purchases, and expressly accepted.

f. The contractor or bidder further warrants by submission of an offer or acceptance of a purchase order or other contract that he has no knowledge at the time of such action of any outstanding and delinquent or otherwise unsettled debt owed by him to the State, and agrees that later discovery by the Purchasing Agent that this warranty was given in spite of such knowledge, except where the matter is pending in hearing or from any appeal therefrom, shall form reasonable grounds for termination of the contract.

3. SUBCONTRACTS - No subcontracts or collateral agreements shall be permitted, except with the State's express consent. Upon request, contractors must submit to the Office of Purchases a list of all subcontractors to be employed in the performance of any Purchase Order or other contract arising from this Request.

4. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES - The contractor or bidder warrants, by submission of an offer or acceptance of a purchase order or other contract, that he is not an employee, agent, or servant of the State, and that he is fully qualified and capable in all material regards to provide the specified goods and services. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship or obligation between the State and any sub-bidder, subcontractor, supplier, or employee of the contractor or offeror.

5. COSTS OF PREPARATION - All costs associated with the preparation, development, or submission of bids or other offers will be borne by the offeror. The State will not reimburse any offeror for such costs.

6. SPECIFIED QUANTITY REQUIREMENT - Except where expressly specified to the contrary, all solicitations and contracts are predicated on a specified quantity of goods or services, or for a specified level of funding.

- **a.** The State reserves the right to modify the quantity, scope of service, or funding of any contract, with no penalty or charge, by written notice to the contractor, except where alternate terms have been expressly made a part of contract.

b. The State shall not accept quantities in excess of the specified quantity except where the item is normally sold by weight (where sold by weight, the State will not accept quantities greater than ten per cent [10%] of the specified quantity), or where the Request or Contract provides for awards for other than exact quantities.

c. Purchase Orders or other contracts may be increased in quantity or extended in term without subsequent solicit with the mutual consent of the contractor and the State, where determined by the Purchasing Agent to be in the State's best interest.

7. TERM AND RENEWAL - Where offers have been requested or contracts awarded for terms exceeding periods of twelve (12) months, it is mutually understood and agreed that the State's commitment is limited to a base term not to exceed twelve (12) months, subject to renewal annually at the State's sole option for successive terms as otherwise described, except where expressly specified to the contrary. Purchase orders appearing to commit to obligations of funding or terms of performance may be executed for administrative convenience, but are otherwise subject to this provision, and in such cases the State's renewal shall be deemed to be automatic, conditional on the continued availability of appropriated funds for the purpose, except as written notice of the State's intent not to renew is served.

8. DELIVERY - Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the proposal. If delivery qualifications do not appear on the bidder's proposal, it will be interpreted to mean that goods are in stock and that shipment will be made within seven (7) calendar days. The decision of the Purchasing Agent, as to reasonable compliance with the delivery terms, shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of order shall rest with the contractor. No delivery charges shall be added to invoices except when authorized on the Purchase Order.

9. FOREIGN CORPORATIONS - In accordance with Title 7 Chapter 1.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation shall have the right to transact business in this state until it shall have procured a certificate of authority so to do from the Secretary of State.

10. PRICING - All pricing offered or extended to the State is considered to be firm and fixed unless expressly provided for to the contrary. All prices shall be quoted F.O.B. Destination with freight costs included in the unit cost to be paid by the State, except, where the Request or Contract permits, offers reflecting F.O.B. Shipping Point will be considered, and freight costs may then be prepaid and added to the invoice.

11. COLLUSION - Bidder or contractor warrants that he has not, directly or indirectly, entered into any agree participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of full competitive bidding. In special circumstances, an executed affidavit will be required as a part of the bid.

12. PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES AND GRATUITIES - Bidder or contractor warrants that he has not paid, and agrees not to pay, any bonus, commission, fee, or gratuity to any employee or official of the State for the purpose of obtaining any contract or award issued by the State. Bidder or contractor further warrants that no commission or other payment has been or will be received from or paid to any third party contingent on the award of any contract by the State, except as shall have been expressly communicated to the State Purchasing Agent in writing prior to acceptance of the contract or award in question. Subsequent discovery by the State of non-compliance with these provisions shall constitute sufficient cause for immediate termination of all outstanding contracts and suspension or debarment of the bidder(s) or contractor(s) involved.

13. AWARDS - Awards will be made with reasonable promptness and by written notice to the successful bidder (only); bids are considered to be irrevocable for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening unless expressly provided for to the contrary in the Request, and may not be withdrawn during this period without the express permission of the Purchasing Agent.

- **a.** Awards shall be made to the bidder(s) whose offer(s) constitutes the lowest responsive price offer (or lowest responsive price offer on an evaluated basis) for the item(s) in question or for the Request as a whole, at the option of the State. The State reserves the right to determine those offers which are responsive to the Request, or which otherwise serve its best interests.

b. The State reserves the right, before making award, to initiate investigations as to whether or not the materials, equipment, supplies, qualifications or facilities offered by the bidder meet the requirements set forth in the proposal and specification, and are ample and sufficient to insure the proper performance of the contract in the event of award. If upon such examination it is found that the conditions of the proposal are not complied with or that articles or equipment proposed to be furnished do not meet the requirements called for, or that the qualifications or facilities are not satisfactory, the State may reject such a bid. It is distinctly understood, however, that nothing in the foregoing shall mean or imply that it is obligatory upon the State to make any examinations before awarding a contract; and it is further understood that if such examination is made, it in no

way relieves the contractor from fulfilling all requirements and conditions of the contract.

c. Qualified or conditional offers which impose limitations of the bidder's liability or modify the requirements of the bid, offers for alternate specifications, or which are made subject to different terms and conditions than those specified by the State may, at the option of the State, be

1. Rejected as being non-responsive, or

2. set aside in favor of the State's terms and conditions (with the consent of the bidder), or

3. accepted, where the State Purchasing Agent determines that such acceptance best serves the interests of the State.

• Acceptance or rejection of alternate or counter-offers by the State shall not constitute a precedent which shall be considered to be binding on successive solicitations or procurements.

d. Bids submitted in pencil, or which do not bear an original signature, in ink, by an owner or authorized agent thereof, will not be accepted.

e. Bids must be extended in the unit of measure specified in the Request. In the event of any discrepancy between unit prices and their extensions, the unit price will govern.

f. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to determine the responsibility of any bidder for a particular procurement.

g. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to reject any and all bids in whole or in part, to waive technical defects, irregularities, and omissions, and to give consideration to past performance of the offerors where, in his judgment the best interests of the State will be served by so doing.

h. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to make awards by items, group of items or on the total low bid for all the items specified as indicated in the detailed specification, unless the bidder specifically indicates otherwise in his bid.

i. Preference may be given to bids on products raised or manufactured in the State, other things being equal.

j. The impact of discounted payment terms shall not be considered in evaluating responses to any Request.

k. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to act in the State's best interests regarding awards caused by clerical errors by the Office of Purchases.

14. SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT - The Purchasing Agent may suspend or debar any vendor or potential bidder, for good cause shown:

• **a.** A debarment or suspension against a part of a corporate entity constitutes debarment or suspension of all of its divisions and all other organizational elements, except where the action has been specifically limited in scope and application, and may include all known corporate affiliates of a contractor, when such offense or act occurred in connection with the affiliate's performance of duties for or on behalf of the contractor, or with the knowledge, approval, or acquiescence of the contractor or one or more of its principals or directors (or where the contractor otherwise participated in, knew of, or had reason to know of the acts).

b. The fraudulent, criminal or other serious improper conduct of any officer, director, shareholder, partner, employee, or any other individual associated with a contractor may be imputed to the contractor when the conduct occurred in connection with the individual's performance of duties for or on behalf of the contractor, or with the contractor's knowledge, approval or acquiescence. The contractor's acceptance of benefits derived from the conduct shall be evidence of such knowledge, approval, or acquiescence.

c. A vendor or contractor who knowingly engages as a subcontractor for a contract awarded by the State to a vendor or contractor then under a ruling of suspension or debarment by the State shall be subject to disallowance of cost, annulment or termination of award, issuance of a stop work order, or debarment or suspension, as may be judged to be appropriate by the State Purchasing Agent.

15. PUBLIC RECORDS - Contractors and bidders are advised that all documents, correspondence, and other submissions to the Office of Purchases may be accessible as public records, pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 2 of the General Laws, absent specific notice that portions of such submittals may contain confidential or proprietary information, such that public access to those items should be withheld, and except as otherwise provided for pursuant to RIGL 37-2-18 (a)-(h) "Competitive Sealed Bidding".

16. PRODUCT EVALUATION - In all specifications, the words "or equal" are understood after each article when manufacturer's name or catalog are referenced. If bidding on items other than those specified, the bidder must, in every instance, give the trade designation of the article, manufacturer's name and detailed specifications of the item the bidder proposes to furnish; otherwise, the bid will be construed as submitted on the identical commodity described in the detailed specifications. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to determine whether or not the item submitted is the approved equal the detailed specifications.

• **a.** Any objections to specifications must be filed by a bidder, in writing, with the Purchasing Agent at least 96 hours before the time of bid opening to enable the Office of Purchases to properly investigate the objections.

b. All standards are minimum standards except as otherwise provided for in the Request or Contract.

c. Samples must be submitted to the Office of Purchases in accordance with the terms of the proposals and detailed specifications. Samples must be furnished free of charge and must be accompanied by descriptive memorandum invoices indicating whether or not the bidder desires their return and specifying the address to which they are to be returned (at the bidder's risk and expense), provided they have not been used or made useless by tests; and absent instructions, the samples shall be considered to be abandoned. Award samples may be held for comparison with deliveries.

d. All samples submitted are subject to test by any laboratory the State Purchasing Agent may designate.

17. PRODUCT ACCEPTANCE - All merchandise offered or otherwise provided shall be new, of prime manufacture, and of first quality unless otherwise specified by the State. The State reserves the right to reject all nonconforming goods, and to cause their return for credit or replacement, at the State's option. Contract deliverables specified for procurements of services shall be construed to be work products, and subject to the provisions of this section.

• **a.** Failure by the State to discover latent defect(s) or concealed damage or non-conformance shall not foreclose the State's right to subsequently reject the goods in question.

b. Formal or informal acceptance by the State of non-conforming goods shall not constitute a precedent for successive receipts or procurements.

c. Where the contractor fails to promptly cure the defect or replace the goods, the State reserves the right to cancel the Purchase Order, contract with a different contractor, and to invoice the original contractor for any differential in price over the original contract price.

d. When materials, equipment or supplies are rejected, the same must be removed by the contractor from the premises of the State Agency within forty-eight (48) hours of notification. Rejected items left longer than two days will be regarded as abandoned and the State shall have the right to dispose of them as its own property.

18. PRODUCT WARRANTIES - All product or service warranties normally offered by the contractor or bidder shall accrue to the State's benefit, in addition to any special

requirements which may be imposed by the State. Every unit delivered must be guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of one year unless otherwise specified, and the State may, in the event of failure, order its replacement, repair, or return for full credit, at its sole option.

19. PAYMENT - Unless otherwise provided for by the Request or Contract, payment shall not be made until delivery has been made, or services performed, in full, and accepted. Payment shall not be due prior to thirty (30) working days following the latest of completion, acceptance, or the rendering of a properly submitted invoice.

- **a.** Payment terms other than the foregoing may be rejected as being non-responsive..

b. No partial shipments will be accepted, unless provided for by the Request or Contract.

c. Where a question of quality is involved, payment in whole or part against which to charge back any adjustment required, shall be withheld at the direction of the Purchasing Agent. In the event a cash discount is stipulated, the withholding of payments, as herein described, will not deprive the State from taking such discount.

d. Payments for used portion of inferior delivery will be made by the State on an adjusted price basis.

e. Payments on contracts under architectural or engineering supervision must be accompanied by a Certificate of Payment and Statement of Account signed by the architect or engineer and submitted to the Agency involved for approval.

20. THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS - The State recognizes no assigned or collateral rights to any purchase agreement except as may be expressly provided for in the bid or contract documents, and will not accede to any request for third party or joint payment(s), except as provided for in specific orders by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by express written permission of the Purchasing Agent. Where an offer is contingent upon such payment(s), the offeror is obligated to serve affirmative notice in his bid submission.

21. SET-OFF AGAINST PAYMENTS - Payments due the contractor shall be subject to reduction by the State Controller equal to the amount of unpaid and delinquent state taxes (or other just debt owed to the State), except where notice of delinquency has not been served or while the matter is pending in hearing or from any appeal therefrom.

22. CLAIMS - Any claim against a contractor may be deducted by the State from any money due him in the same or other transactions. If no deduction is made in such fashion, the contractor shall pay the State the amount of such claim on demand. Submission of a voucher and payment, thereof, by the State shall not preclude the Purchasing Agent from

demanding a price adjustment in any case when the commodity delivered is later found to deviate from the specifications and proposal.

- **a.** The Purchasing Agent may assess dollar damages against a vendor or contractor determined to be non-performing or otherwise in default of their contractual obligations equal to the cost of remedy incurred by the State, and make payment of such damages a condition for consideration for any subsequent award. Failure by the vendor or contractor to pay such damages shall constitute just cause for disqualification and rejection, suspension, or debarment.

23. STATE CONTROLLER'S CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING - Certification as to the availability of funds to support the procurement for the current fiscal year ending June 30th only. Where delivery or service requirements extend beyond the end of the current fiscal year, such extensions are subject to both the availability of appropriated funds and a determination of continued need.

24. UNUSED BALANCES - Unless otherwise specified, all unused Blanket Order quantities and/or unexpended funds shall be automatically canceled on the expiration of the specified term. Similarly, for orders encompassing more than one State fiscal year, unexpended balances of funding allotted for an individual fiscal year may be liquidated at the close of that fiscal year, at the State's sole option.

25. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES - Pursuant to the provisions of Title 37 Chapter 14.1 of the General Laws, the State reserves the right to apply additional consideration to offers, and to direct awards to bidders other than the responsive bid representing the lowest price where:

- **a.** the offer is fully responsive to the terms and conditions of the Request, and

b. the price offer is determined to be within a competitive range (not to exceed 5% higher than the lowest responsive price offer) for the product or service, and

c. the firm making the offer has been certified by the R.I. Department of Economic Development to be a small business concern meeting the criteria established to be considered a Minority Business Enterprise. Ten per cent [10%] of the dollar value of the work performed against contracts for construction exceeding $5,000 shall be performed by Minority Business Enterprises where it has been determined that subcontract opportunities exist, and where certified Minority Business Enterprises are available. A contractor may count towards its MBE, DBE, or WBE goals 60% of its expenditures for materials and supplies required under a contract and obtained from an MBE, DBE, or WBE regular dealer, and 100% of such expenditures when obtained from an MBE, DBE, or WBE manufacturer. Awards of this type shall be subject to approval, by the Director of Administration, of a Subcontracting Plan submitted by the bidder receiving the award.

26. PREVAILING WAGE REQUIREMENT - In accordance with Title 37 Chapter 13 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, payment of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for regular, overtime and other working conditions existing in the locality for each craft, mechanic, teamster, or type of workman needed to execute this work is a requirement for both contractors and subcontractors for all public works.

27. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE, HANDICAPPED ACCESS AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - Contractors of the State are required to demonstrate the same commitment to equal opportunity as prevails under federal contracts controlled by Federal Executive Orders 11246, 11625, 11375 and 11830, and Title 28 Chapter 5.1 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. Affirmative action plans shall be submitted by the contractor for review by the State Equal Opportunity Office. A contractor's failure to abide by the rules, regulations, contract terms and compliance reporting provisions as established shall be grounds for forfeiture and penalties as shall be established, including but not limited to suspension.

28. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENT - In accordance with Executive Order No. 91-14, Contractors who do business with the State and their employees shall abide by the State's drug-free workplace policy and the contractor shall so attest by signing a certificate of compliance.

29. GOODS PRODUCED IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA – In accordance with Chapters 35-10-12 and 37-2-57 of the General Laws, goods which are known to be wholly produced in the Republic of South Africa may not be accepted for any procurement the State of Rhode Island; the offeror attests by his submission of a bid or offer, or acceptance of a purchase order or other contract, that these prohibitions do not apply to material or goods which form the basis for his offer or contract.

30. TAXES - The State of Rhode Island is exempt from payment of excise, transportation and sales tax imposed by the Federal or State Government. These taxes should not be included in the proposal price. Exemption Certificates will be furnished upon request.

31. INSURANCE - All construction contractors, independent tradesmen, or firms providing any type of maintenance, repair, or other type of service to be performed on state premises, buildings, or grounds are required to purchase and maintain coverage with a company or companies licensed to do business in the state as follows:

- **a.** Comprehensive General Liability Insurance -
    - 1) Bodily Injury $1,000,000 each occurrence
        - $1,000,000 annual aggregate
    - 2) Property Damage $500,000 each occurrence
- $500,000 annual aggregate
    - Independent Contractors
    - Contractual - including construction hold harmless and other types of contracts or agreements in effect for insured operations

- Completed Operations
- Personal Injury (with employee exclusion deleted)

- **b.** Automobile Liability Insurance -
- Combined Single Limit $1,000,000 each occurrence
  - Bodily Injury
  - Property Damage, and in addition non-owned and/or hired vehicles and equipment
- **c.** Workers' Compensation Insurance -
- Coverage B $100,000

The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to consider and accept alternate forms and plans of insurance or to require additional or more extensive coverage for any individual requirement. Successful bidders shall provide certificates of coverage, reflecting the State of Rhode Island as an additional insured, to the Office of Purchases, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of work, as a condition of award. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in rejection of the offeror's bid.

32. BID SURETY - When requested, a bidder must furnish a Bid Bond or Certified Check for 5% of his bid, or for the stated amount shown in the solicitation. Bid Bonds must be executed by a reliable Surety Company authorized to do business in the State of Rhode Island. Failure to provide Bid Surety with bid may be cause for rejection of bid. The Bid Surety of any three bidders in contention will be held until an award has been made according to the specifications of each proposal. All others will be returned by mail within 48 hours following the bid opening. Upon award of a contract, the remaining sureties will be returned by mail unless instructed to do otherwise.

33. PERFORMANCE AND LABOR AND PAYMENT BONDS – A performance bond and labor and payment bond of up to 100% of an award may be required by the Purchasing Agent. Bonds must meet the following requirements:

- **a.** Corporation: The Bond must be signed by an official of the corporation above his official title and the corporate seal must be affixed over his signature.

b. Firm or Partnership: The Bond must be signed by all of the partners and must indicate that they are "Doing Business As (name of firm)."

c. Individual: The Bond must be signed by the individual owning the business and indicate "Owner."

d. The Surety Company executing the Bond must be licensed to do business in the State of Rhode Island or Bond must be countersigned by a company so licensed.

e. The Bond must be signed by an official of the Surety Company and the corporate seal must be affixed over his signature.

f. Signatures of two witnesses for both the principal and the Surety must appear on the Bond.

g. A Power of Attorney for the official signing of the Bond for the Surety Company must be submitted with the Bond.

34. DEFAULT AND CANCELLATION - A contract may be canceled or annulled at the contractor's expense upon non-performance of contract, or breach, by the contractor,

of any of his obligations. Failure of contractor to cure such non-performance or breach within ten working days after the receipt of notice, shall be sufficient cause for the cancellation of the contract in question, the cancellation of all outstanding contracts or sub-contracts held by the contractor, and the suspension or debarment of the contractor from future procurements.

- **a.** Failure of a contractor to deliver or perform within the time specified, or within reasonable time as interpreted by the Purchasing Agent or failure to make replacement of rejected articles, when so requested, immediately or as directed by the Purchasing Agent, will cause the Purchasing Agent to purchase in the open market to replace those rejected or not delivered. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to authorize immediate purchase in the open market against rejections on any contract when necessary. On all such purchases, the contractor, or his surety, agrees to promptly reimburse the State for excess costs occasioned by such default. Should the cost be less, the contractor shall have no claim to the difference.

b. A contractor who fails to commence within the time specified or complete an award made for repairs, alterations, construction, or any other service will be considered in default of contract. The Purchasing Agent may contract for completion of the work with another contractor and seek recourse from the defaulting contractor or his surety.

c. If contractor consistently fails to deliver quantities or otherwise perform as specified, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract and purchase the balance in the open market at the contractor's expense.

35. INDEMNITY - The contractor guarantees:

- **a.** To save the State, its agents and employees, harmless from any liability imposed upon the State arising from the negligence, either active or passive, of the contractor, as well as for the use of any copyrighted or non-copyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of the contract of which the contractor is not the patentee, assignee or licensee.

b. To pay for all permits, licenses and fees and give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of the city or town in which the installation is to be made and of the State of Rhode Island.

c. That the equipment offered is standard new equipment, latest model of regular stock product with all parts regularly used with the type of equipment offered; also, that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.

36. CONTRACTOR'S OBLIGATIONS - In addition to the specific requirements of the contract, construction and building repair contractors bear the following standard responsibilities:

- **a.** To furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damages of any kind, for which he or his workmen are responsible, to the building or equipment, to his own work, or to the work of other contractors;

b. To clear and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from his work from time to time, as directed or required, a completion of the work leave the premises in a neat unobstructed condition, broom clean, and in satisfactory order and repair;
c. To store equipment, supplies, and material at the site only upon approval by the State, and at his own risk;
d. To perform all work so as to cause the least inconvenience to the State, and with proper consideration for the rights of other contractors and workmen;
e. To acquaint themselves with conditions to be found at the site, and to assume responsibility for the appropriate dispatching of equipment and supervision of his employees during the conduct of the work; and
f. To ensure that his employees are instructed with respect to special regulations, policies, and procedures in effect for any State facility or site, and that they comply with such rules.

37. FORCE MAJEURE - All orders shall be filled by the contractor with reasonable promptness, but the contractor shall not be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of the terms of the contract shall be delayed or prevented by wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, acts of God, or for any other acts not within the control of the contractor and which by the exercise of reasonable diligence, the contractor is unable to prevent.

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